

Brenda Petrie Psychotherapy & Consulting

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Limits of Confidentiality for Minors

Name of Minor: _____ Provider: Brenda Petrie, Registered Psychologist

Parents or guardians may have the right of access to all information revealed during the provision of counselling services unless an agreement is reached in advance with the minor and their parents that certain issues will not be disclosed to the parents/guardians. If the minor's capacity and their understanding of the treatment and/or service are sufficient to warrant they be treated as a mature minor, the role of parent or guardian changes to one of advisor and supporter. The parent or guardian no longer has the automatic right of access to the mature minor's confidential information unless the mature minor provides written consent.

Information discussed in the therapy setting is held confidential and will not be shared without written permission except under the following conditions:

1. The provider has reasonable and probable grounds to believe that disclosure is necessary to prevent immediate and grave harm to the client or another person's mental or physical health or safety. This includes threats of suicide, including ideation, or threats of harm to self or another person(s).
2. The provider has reasonable and probable grounds to believe that a child is in need of intervention, including but not limited to physical, sexual, emotional, and psychological abuse. Reporting is a legal obligation under section 4(1) of the *Child, Youth & Family Enhancement Act*.
3. The records are subject to court subpoena and must be released in accordance with a court order or federal or provincial laws, rules or regulations.

National and provincial law mandates that mental health professionals must report these situations to the appropriate persons and/or agencies. Communication between the psychologist and the client will otherwise be deemed confidential as stated under the laws of the province of Alberta, Canada.

Having read and understood the above, I agree to the limits of confidentiality.

Signature

Date

Printed Name

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